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NEW MEMBERS, NEW NAME FOR STATE CONSERVATION EFFORTS **Commissioners Selected From Across the State**

(Boise) - Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter named five members to the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWC) this week. The SWC was originally created in 1939 and was previously known as the Soil Conservation Commission. The name change and new Commission members are parts of a package of changes approved by the 2010 Idaho Legislature.

The five members are - Dick Bronson of Payette, Bill Flory of Culdesac, Dwight Horsch of Aberdeen, Dave Radford of Idaho Falls, and Roger Stutzman of Buhl.

Richard "Dick" Bronson is the fourth-generation of an Idaho farming family. As a result, Mr. Bronson has been involved with and has been a member of the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association and Idaho Horticulture Association. Mr. Bronson has also been a director of the Lower Payette Ditch Company, an officer in the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Dealers Association, and an instructor in the University of Idaho Master Gardner program.

Bill Flory manages a fourth-generation, diversified grain farm raising wheat, barley, bluegrass, canola, and grass/alfalfa hay. He is a graduate of the University of Idaho. Mr. Flory has had extensive involvement with the Grain Producers and Wheat Growers Associations, serving as president of both the Idaho Grain Producers and the National Association of Wheat Growers.

Dwight Horsch is a third-generation farmer and raises potatoes, sugar beets, and wheat in rotation. Mr. Horsch is a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in Ag Business and has served in both houses of the Idaho Legislature from 1978 to 1986. Mr. Horsch has also served on the National Potato Council Executive Board, including two years as Vice President.

Dave Radford is a fifth-generation Idahoan, born and raised in Idaho Falls. He currently serves as a Bonneville County Commissioner and has been active in his county and community for a number of years. Mr. Radford has been active in local conservation efforts and currently serves as Chair of the High Country Resource Conservation and Development Council, and is also a member of the Idaho Farm Bureau and the Grand Teton Peaks Council Executive Committee.

Roger Stutzman is a second-generation farmer and raises sugar beets, sweet corn, beans, wheat, and alfalfa. Mr. Stutzman has been actively involved with local soil conservation efforts for over 25 years and is a past-president of the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts. He graduated from Heston College in Kansas and Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia and



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returned to the family farm after receiving his degrees. Mr. Stutzman is currently serving on both the Idaho Sugar Beet Growers and the American Sugar Beet Growers board of directors.

The Commissioners were selected by the Governor from a large pool of applicants and were supported by various local Soil Conservation Districts and associations.

The SWC provides support and services to Idaho Soil Conservation Districts in the wise use and enhancement of soil, water, and related resources. The SWC is committed to improving the environment, increasing public awareness of conservation issues, and supplying landowners and land users with the technical information needed to implement conservation measures and improve natural resource management.

The next meeting of the SWC is Wednesday, August 11 in eastern Idaho. For more information about the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission call 208/332-1790.

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